

Our Connectional Stories



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The Mission operates an 8 week summer program for children. Part of the program includes field trips, Bible School activities, and lunch. One day Stanley came to the Mission around lunch time and began to work his way to the kitchen. Along the way all the children greeted him as did the adult leaders. They all, in one way or another, welcomed Stanley. When Stanley reached the kitchen, before he asked for lunch, he exclaimed "Everyone likes me here!"

In the past year, the Mission has rededicated itself to being a place where all will be treated as who they are, a child of God created in God's Image.

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